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...HITO?
AND ...
WHO'S THAT?

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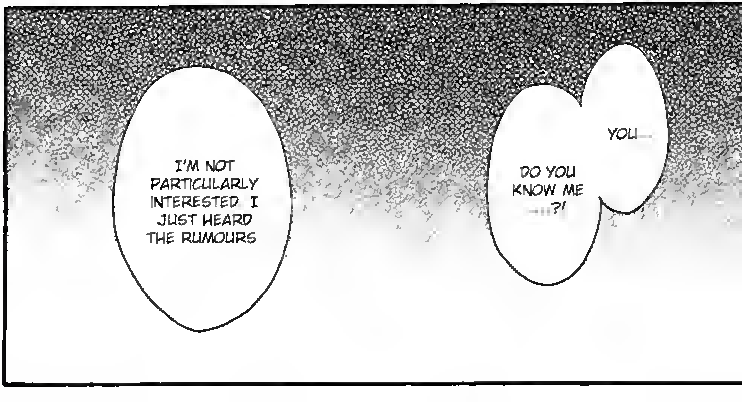
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME.
I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU SINCE MY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION.
GRAD-UATION?
!
"Her fiance, who she had always loved,
called off the engagement."

AH.
ALRIGHT
HITO.
IS THIS YOUR FRIEND?
Wah
He's cool
THE GIRLS ARE WAITING FOR YOU.
KUROMORI, YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW THIS, BUT
HE'S AN OTOGIBAYASHI GRADUATE
I SEE.
10% off
...IS THAT SO...?
We're not really friends
WE JUST HAPPEN TO KNOW EACH OTHER.
...NO,

HIS NAME IS MORITA INUO.
YOU CAN JUST CALL ME INUO.
RICE AND RICE PLANT
YOU'RE THE FIRST PERSON TO ACTUALLY SAY IT OUT LOUD
*Note Both of their names have something to do with rice
Komeko - rice grain, Inu - rice plant.
!
I COULDN'T HELP CALLING OUT TO YOU
AH, I'M SORRY KOMEKO
I WAS WONDERING HOW YOU'VE BEEN.

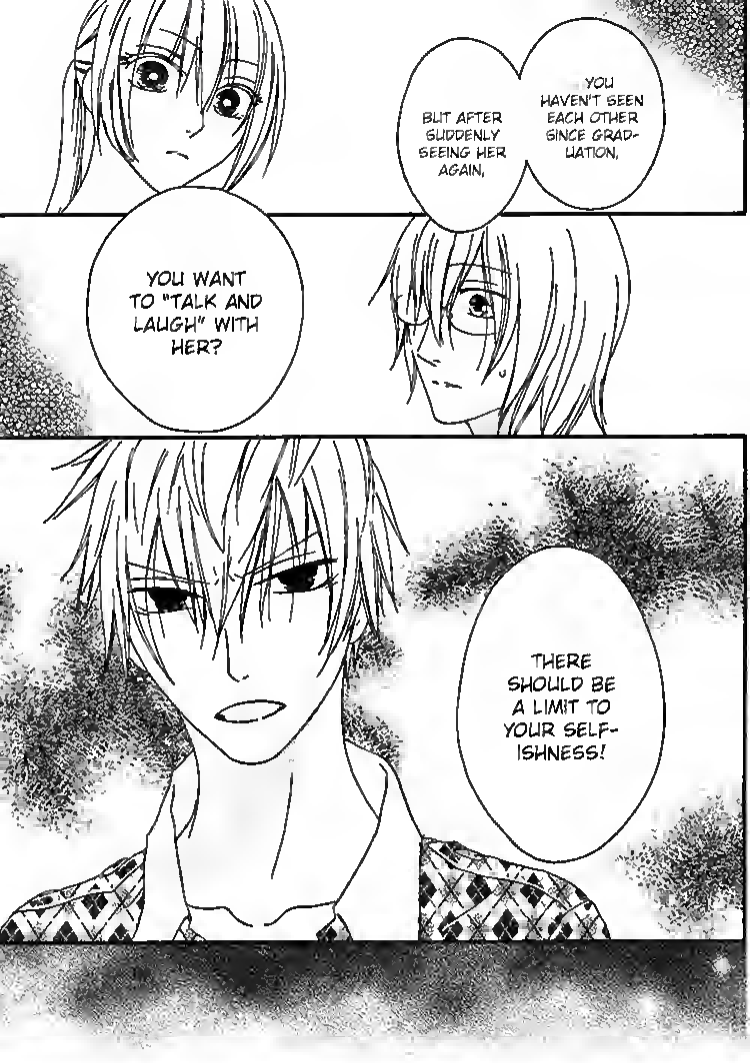
YOU TWO.
WERE ENGAGED, RIGHT?

OR WERE YOU WONDERING...
IF HITO IS STILL IN LOVE WITH YOU?


I'M NOT PARTICULARLY INTERESTED I JUST HEARD THE RUMOURS
DO YOU KNOW ME ...?!
YOU...

.....
I JUST WANTED
TO TALK AND LAUGH WITH YOU, KOMEKO.
The reason why people are abandoned...
is because they're no longer wanted.
TAP TAP TAP
KOMEKO-SAN'S TAKING A LONG TIME...
HMM
Don't tell me she went into the boys' washroom and got into trouble...?
AH, THERE SHE IS!
...EH? MEGUMI'S HERE TOO.
NO, I'M NOT TRYING TO CONFIRM ANYTHING
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT AT ALL!

HEY, YOU TWO-
...IT MIGHT'VE BEEN THAT SIMPLE FOR YOU...
BUT YOU'VE SURELY ...
NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT
THE FEELINGS OF THE PERSON
THAT YOU LEFT BEHIND.


YOU HAVEN'T SEEN EACH OTHER SINCE GRADUATION,
BUT AFTER SUDDENLY SEEING HER AGAIN,
YOU WANT TO "TALK AND LAUGH" WITH HER?
THERE SHOULD BE A LIMIT TO YOUR SELFISHNESS!

I will never...

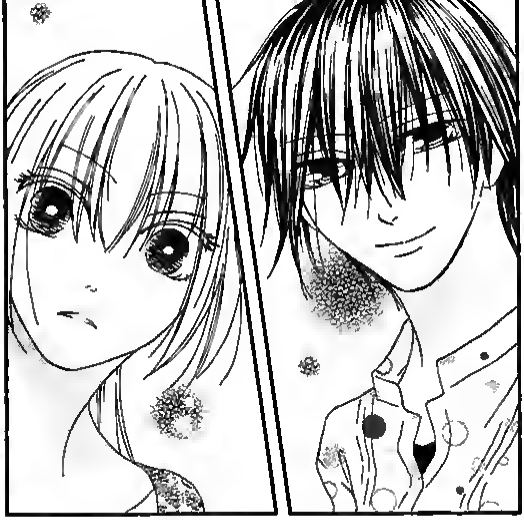
MEGUMI,
CALM DOWN.
...love anyone.
KURO-MORI?
HELLO,
I'M KOMEKO-SAN'S FRIEND. MY NAME IS OOJI.
I'M SORRY, HE'S NORMALLY QUITE DOCILE.
AH, IT'S OKAY
SINCE KOMEKO-SAN WAS TAKING A WHILE, I WAS A LITTLE BIT WORRIED.
S-SORRY.

Itsuki Motochika

Height 160cm

Weight 56kg

Things He Likes
- Exercising
- Playing with everyone



KOMEKO -SAN WILL EVER LOOK BACK.
I DON'T THINK...
NO MATTER ...
FROM NOW ON,
HOW MANY TIMES YOU CALL AFTER HER,
FOR KOMEKO -SAN, TIME
IS DEF- INITELY
MOVING FORWARD.

I actually
---
didn't want him to call out to me.
I HEARD ...
THAT YOU LEFT HOME
...ARE YOU DOING WELL?
But perhaps I...
...shouldn't think that way.
...YES!
DON'T WORRY, I'M DOING FINE.
...I SEE.

I'LL DEFINITELY MAKE YOU REGRET
LETTING GO OF SOMETHING SO PRECIOUS.
SO UNTIL THEN,
YOU SHOULD LIVE WELL.
Even so...
Even so...

I have friends who will wipe away my tears
and who will stand by my side
How could I possibly take a step back at this point?
I DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO SAY THIS,
...I KNOW
BUT I REALLY HOPE YOU WILL KEEP SMILING
YOU'RE IMPORTANT TO ME, KOMEKO
TO THIS DAY, THAT HASN'T CHANGED
...YOU'VE MADE
A LOT OF WONDERFUL FRIENDS.

Eh?!
AH, YES...
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF KOMEKO.
!
YAAANK
HURRY UP AND GET LOST.
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU TO STOP PUTTING UP THAT 'BIG BROTHER' FRONT? YOU ARE JUST A RICE MAN!
THAT PART OF YOU HAS ALWAYS BEEN SUPER ANNOYING!
OW OW OW OW, SORRY... SORRY
...THANK YOU.
.....
silence...

noisy
noisy
HMM
HOW DO I PUT THIS?
DID I CAUSE A COMMOTION?
AH!
NO.
SNAP
ANYONE WOULD SWAY
AFTER SUDDENLY SEEING THE PERSON WHO DUMPED THEM!
KOMEKO-SAN'S MAKING EXCUSES!
Huh?
YEAH
"HE'S NORMALLY QUITE DOCILE"
WHAT AM I, YOUR PET?
TOOK YOU LONG ENOUGH TO RES-POND!
SO SLOW!
AH I'M SORRY
WITHOUT REALIZING IT,
I GOT A BIT NOSY...
.....
I'M NO PRINCE
AFTER ALL,

A REAL PRINCE..
IS SUPPOSED TO BE KIND
TO EVERYONE.
I KNOW THAT
I SHOULDN'T THINK THIS WAY..
BUT...
WHEN I SEE THE TWO OF YOU IN PAIN,
.....
WHAT'S UP WITH THAT ANY-WAY? AFTER ALL THIS TIME
WHY WOULD HE BE LOOKING
FOR YOU?

PLEASE DON'T...
HURT THE PEOPLE...
WHO ARE SO IMPORTANT TO ME.....
.....
ONLY THINKING OF MYSELF
....I'M ALWAYS
...ARE YOU AN IDIOT?

THAT'S NOT...
ONLY THINKING OF YOUR-SELF.
...IDIOT.

DON'T CRY.
THEN IS IT FOR MY SAKE?
RATHER... I'M NOT CRYING FOR YOUR SAKE, MEGUMI!
EH?!
I'M NOT CRY-ING!!
AND DON'T CALL ME AN IDIOT TWICE!
THE ONE WHO CRIES BECAUSE OF SOMEONE ELSE'S BUSINESS IS THE IDIOT.
BE QUIET!
It's em- barressing.
DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU WERE BEING NOSY?
!
No- that-
I wasn't even crying in the first place...!

I TOLD INUO.
ON THE DAY HE BROKE UP WITH ME,
I WASN'T ABLE TO SAY ANY-THING TO HIM.
THAT'S NOT THE CASE, THOUGH
I'M VERY HAPPY.
...BUT TOD..Y, I WAS ABLE TO SAY EVERY-THING I WANTED TO SAY.
BECAUSE YOU WERE BY MY SIDE, SUP-PORTING ME.

THANK YOU.
...THAT KINDNESS OF YOURS HASN'T CHANGED FROM YOUR PAST LIFE...
SO DON'T CRY ANYMORE,
YOU SILLY PRINCE.

DASH
I'M GOING TO WASH MY FACE!
I..
CHASING AFTER HER SEEMS LIKE IT'D BE FUN,
BUT I WON'T DO THAT
Stealth is #2...?
NOT LONG AGO,
I ACCIDENTALLY OVERHEARD YOU TALKING TO SUBARU
ABOUT THE ENGAGEMENT STUFF,
I heard the rumours too...

THE REASON I INTERVENED BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR EX-FIANCÉ...
WASN'T BECAUSE OF YOU,
OR THE SAME REASON THAT SUBARU DID.
.....
SO LET ME SAY THIS NOW. I DIDN'T DO IT ON PURPOSE
I DIDN'T THINK IT WAS A GOOD IDEA TO STAY QUIET,
I
SO, THE "FRIEND WHO HAD BEEN ABANDONED" OOJI-SAN MENTIONED THAT TIME...
WAS YOU?
I WAS JUST SO ANGRY,
BECAUSE I THOUGHT OF THAT INFURIATING BASTARD.

"HEY!"
SHE NEVER CRIES ON HER OWN BEHALF.
THAT WAS ALL FOR SOME-ONE ELSE'S SAKE TOO
.....
SO IN THE PAST OOJI-SAN MUST HAVE BEEN EVEN WORSE
SHE WAS CRYING LIKE THAT JUST NOW
SINCE YOU'RE CHILDHOOD FRIENDS
"Wah! Run! It's Ooji!"
"You leave Megumi alone!"
"Why...!"
"I CAN'T FORGET ABOUT IT!"
Come back here, you mean old brats!"
"Just forget it, Subaru."
I don't care anyway.

"Why do they always pick on you alone, Megumi?"
AFTER THAT, I HEARD...
SHE READ A FAIRYTALE ABOUT THAT BULLY THE BIG BAD WOLF
EVER SINCE, SHE CRIES WHEN SHE'S ANGRY.
BUT
SHE'S ALWAYS BEEN OVERLY NICE.
.....
SPEAKING OF BEING OVERLY NICE,
YOU'RE NO DIFFERENT EITHER.
!?
I TOLD YOU, THAT WAS...
WELL,
YOU CAN IGNORE IT IF YOU WANT.
I THINK YOU REALLY DID WANT TO DEFEND ME,
WHICH IS WHY YOU SPOKE UP.

WHETHER IT'S BEING OVERLY NICE OR BEING STUBBORN.
IT SEEMS LIKE YOU GOT THAT FROM OOJI -SAN.
...NOPE.
...IS THAT SO.
..HA.
.....
Ha
MAYBE.

SO THIS KID DOES KNOW HOW TO LAUGH!...
I hope ...
.....
Meow
that you can keep on smiling.
AH.
tearing up
"I'm really happy."
NO! I CAN'T CRY!
SHAKE
SHAKE
If you feel sad when you think of someone,

Because you...
are just that important to me.
then I hope you will
be able to smile when you think of me.